

50    *THE CASTAWAYS OF THE  
FLAG*

his strength, we could set out to  
discover                    a                    more  
hospitable coast. This boat is sound  
and                    we                    have  
an excellent sailor to manage her. The  
rainy                    season  
is not nearly due yet. We have lived  
through                    some  
storms already, and we should live  
through                    more.  
Let this land, whatever it is, only give  
us                    some  
fresh provisions, and then, with the  
help                    of  
God — "

" Fritz, dear," Jenny answered,  
clasping                    her  
husband's hands in her own, " you  
must                    say                    all  
that to our companions. Let them hear  
you,                    and  
they will not lose heart."

" They never have, for a moment,  
dear                    wife,"  
said Fritz; " and if they ever should  
falter,                    it                    is  
you, bravest and most capable of  
women,                    the  
English girl of Burning Rock, who would  
give                    them  
hope once more ! "

All thought as Fritz did of this  
brave Jenny.  
While they had been shut up in their  
cabins it was,  
from her that Dolly and Susan had been  
encouraged  
to resist despair.

One advantage this land seemed to  
have.                    It  
was not like New Switzerland, through  
whose  
waters merchant vessels never passed.  
On                    the

contrary, whether it were the southern coast of Australia or\* Tasmania, or even an island in the archipelagoes of the Pacific, its position would be marked in the naval charts.

But even if Captain Gould and his companions